Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take great pride in pausing to honor an outstanding Missouri senior citizen; and

**Whereas**, Ron B. Wilson of Jefferson City, Missouri, has been selected as a finalist in the 14th Annual Missouri Older Worker Contest; and

Whereas, Ron Wilson, a Licensed Professional Counselor and Qualified Mental Health Professional at Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare, Incorporated, shows a dedication and commitment in helping achieve the collective goals which exemplify the heart and soul of Pathways; and

Whereas, Ron Wilson began his career at Pathways in 1993 and was assigned to a direct care position with a program that provided intensive services to families whose children were at risk of removal due to abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, during his tenure at Pathways, Ron Wilson's clinical skills have expanded to include sharp and accurate diagnoses and assessment of children and adolescents, and his ability to supervise case managers has been developed and tested with each new employee; and

Whereas, currently in a supervisory position, Ron Wilson provides training and consultations to the staff at Pathways, participates in Pathways crisis on-call services taking after-hour crisis calls from individuals contemplating suicide and/or seeking hospitalization assessments, is permitted to hire and train case managers to work with severely emotionally disturbed children, and gives support and encouragement to parents who are challenged by their children's behavior disorders and choices; and

Whereas, Ron Wilson brought to his position at Pathways a wealth of experience as the former Director of the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and as past Executive Director for the Missouri Optometric Association:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Ron Wilson for his well-deserved selection as a finalist in the 14th Annual Missouri Older Worker Contest and in wishing him continued fulfillment in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ron B. Wilson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1642, adopted April 8, 2004.